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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Action on IATA Agreements
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 22nd day of November, 1999

Dockets: OST-99-6489⁻² and OST-99-6490⁻² 1/

Description: The agreements establish passenger fares and cargo rates for transportation between Dammam, Saudi Arabia, and points throughout the world, including U.S. points, at the same levels and conditions currently applicable for Dhahran. This action is necessitated, by the fact that commercial operations from Dhahran are scheduled to cease November 28, 1999, at which time these services transfer to the new Dammam airport, 30 miles north of Dhahran airport.

We do not find the resolutions incorporated in the above dockets to be adverse to the public interest or in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41309, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

Accordingly, we approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreements, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of ten days, unless within such period a petition for review is filed pursuant to 14 CFR 385.30 or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion. Such actions are subject to judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Given the noncontroversial nature of these agreements and the availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-day period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

Paul L. Gretch
Director, Office of International Aviation

1/ IATA PTC COMP 0528 (Mail Vote 047), Docket OST-99-6489; and IATA CTC COMP 0225 (Mail Vote 048), Docket OST-99-6490. The agreements were filed with the Department on November 11, 1999.

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